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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HUTCHISON CASE

1. AT SCHEDULED 9 A. M. MEETING WITH MY TWO COLLEAGUES PRIOR TO 9:30 MEETING OF ALL OF US WITH GENERAL GUZMAN, MY SPANISH FRIEND, AMBASSADOR VALLS, ARRIVED TWENTY MINUTES LATE, HAVING OVERSLEPT BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN UP MOST OF THE NIGHT COMPOSING A POEM ADDRESSED TO RADHAMES MENDEZ VARGAS (THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR, IN ADDITION TO BEING AN EXCELLENT PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMAT, IS A POET). WITH APPROPRIATE SELF-EFFACEMENT, HE READ THE STANZAS TO US AND EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS DESIGNED TO APPEAL TO MENDEZ' MANHOOD AND THE NOBLEST OF ALL ACTS, GENEROSITY TOWARD CAPTIVES. (WE SHALL FORWARD THE TEXT BY POUCH FOR THE ANNALS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE.)

2. MY VENEZUELAN COLLEAGUE, CUBILLAN, SHOWED US A MESSAGE FROM HIS FOREIGN SECRETARY TO ACTING DOMREP FONSEC WHICH EXPRESSED GROWING CONCERN OVER THE ABSENCE OF A VISIBLE
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SOLUTION AND URGED THE GODR TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BRING

THIS LAMENTABLE EVENT TO AS PROMPT A SOLUTION AS POSSIBLE. CUBILLAN THEN SUGGESTED THAT AT MEETING WITH GUZMAN WE PRESSURE HIM TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE IN RESPONDING TO KIDNAPPERS' SUBSTANTIVE DEMANDS. MY SPANISH COLLEAGUE AND I STATED THAT WE BOTH HAD INSTRUCTIONS THAT THIS PROBLEM WAS AND SHOULD CONTINUE

TO BE A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GODR; ALTHOUGH WE RESERVED THE RIGHT TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS THEY WERE SUGGESTIONS AND NOTHING MORE FOR WE DID NOT INTEND IN ANY WAY TO GET OUT IN FRONT OF THE GODR OR ENGAGE IN ANY MANNER IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

3. IN MEETING WITH GUZMAN, VALLS DESCRIBED BRIEFLY THE FOOD DELIVERY LAST NIGHT. GUZMAN SAID HE WAS SATISFIED AND WISHED THE SYSTEM TO CONTINUE. WE AGREED TO CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE AS LONG AS IT WAS CLEAR THAT (1) OUR ROLE WAS LIMITED TO THIS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND THAT WE WOULD IN NO RPT NO WAY BECOME INVEIGLED INTO NEGOTIATIONS; AND (2) WE WERE ACTING AT THE REQUEST OF THE GODR. GUZMAN VIGOROUSLY ASSENTED THAT BOTH CONDITIONS EXISTED AND WOULD CONTINUE TO PREVAIL. WITH THAT UNDERSTOOD, WE INQUIRED HOW WE COULD ASSIST HIM TODAY. HE REPLIED THAT HE PLANNED ANOTHER FOOD RUN AT 3 P.M. AND ASKED OUR ASSISTANCE IN DELIVERING THIRTEEN SANDWICHES, TWO GALLONS OF DRINKING WATER, A CLOTHING CHANGE AND MEDICINE FOR THE VENEZUELAN VICE-CONSUL. WE ACCEPTED THE TASK. HURWITCH

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